GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:129
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS COLLECTED FOR TSUNAMI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding misappropriation of funds raised by various States, private institutions, Government employees and other citizens for relief and rehabilitation work after Tsunami disaster;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to check such misappropriation of the amount collected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.129 FOR ANSWER ON 2ND AUGUST, 2005 REGARDING UTILIZATION OF FUNDS COLLECTED FOR TSUNAMI

The Ministry of Home Affairs have not received any specific complaints regarding misappropriation of funds raised by various States, private institutions, Government employees and other citizens for relief and rehabilitation work after Tsunami disaster. However, the general impression of the public is that some of the private institutions or the NGOs are not spending the entire money collected by them for the purpose of relief and rehabilitation. These organizations are required to file their accounts and or returns to the appropriate authorities where these are registered. The matter has been examined in detail by the Law Commission. The Government of India is considering the feasibility of formulating guidelines to regulate the collection and utilization of funds raised for the purposes of providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims of natural and man made disasters.